

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **2.851 Ha** of forest land for widening and upgradation of the existing road from **Kodaratancha to Nadimigudem** via Palagudem, Nagaram of Yellandu Forest Division in Bhadrachalam District in favour of EE, PR Division, Bhadrachalam – In-principle (**Stage.I**) approval - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 131

Dated: 23-09-2020

Read the following:-

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28-03-2019.
2. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Rc.No.1775/2019-FCA2, Dt.23.07.2019 & 29.06.2020.

ORDER:

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of **2.851 Ha** of forest land for widening and upgradation of the existing road from **Kodaratancha to Nadimigudem** via Palagudem, Nagaram of Yellandu Forest Division in Bhadrachalam District in favour of EE, PR Division, Bhadrachalam.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi in the letter 1st read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1st read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** for diversion of **2.851 Ha** of forest land for widening and upgradation of the existing road from **Kodaratancha to Nadimigudem** via Palagudem, Nagaram of Yellandu Forest Division in Bhadrachalam District in favour of EE, PR Division, Bhadrachalam, subject to compliance of the following conditions:

- 1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- 2) **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;
- 3) **Compensatory afforestation:**
 - a) The forest department shall plant and maintain ten times the number of trees felled on the diverted land, subject to a minimum number of 100 plants, to maintain the green cover from the amount to be realized from the user agency, as per the scheme prepared by the forest department, in the planting site identified for this purpose preferably in the surrounding area;

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- b) As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- c) Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the Forest Department. Trees, planted in surrounding area, will belong to Forest Department;
- d) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in Adhoc CAMPA account by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme shall include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

4) Net Present Value:

- a. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for **the 2.851 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
 - b. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- 5) User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled by the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
 - 6) User Agency shall supply water for forestry activities and wildlife purpose, as per the scheme prepared by the forest department;
 - 7) Soil erosion preventive measures have to be taken up by the User Agency as per the scheme prepared by the forest department;
 - 8) All the funds received from the user agency under the project, other than those permitted to deposit into concerned Forest Divisional Officer/ District Forest Officer, shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal.
 - 9) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings;
 - 10) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
 - 11) User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms;
 - 12) Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.

- 13) The user agency shall provide suitable under / over passes in the forest area as per recommendations of forest department.
- 14) User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, Part III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;
- 15) Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work don't destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 16) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- 17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Competent authority;
- 18) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- 19) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'
- 20) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- 21) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
- 22) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- 23) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.851 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- 24) The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
- 25) Work should be carried out during day time only;
- 26) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- 27) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

- 28) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, Guidelines F. No. 11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and as per F.No.5-2/2017, Dt.28.03.2019.
- 29) This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue of this G.O. in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, the in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years.

After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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The PS to Hon'ble M(F&E, S&T).

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SECTION OFFICER.